

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The invention provides a control apparatus for starting  
application software on a computer, which can consolidate a  
variety of application interfaces and address a user's needs.  
The control apparatus includes an application start portion for  
starting one or more specified applications, an application  
registration portion for registering information relating to  
started applications as one group, an application start  
10 information storage portion for storing information for starting  
a registered application, and an application group start portion  
for searching the application start information storage portion  
based on an entered symbol and starting one or more corresponding  
applications. Usually, applications are started and terminated  
15 through an operating system, but with the present invention,  
they are started and terminated through a control window.